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The Honorable Duncan Hunter  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Under the authority contained in 10 USC 2811, the Department of the Navy plans to proceed with the work for the major repair project listed in the enclosure. This notification is in accordance with 10 USC 2811 and House Report 107-246.

Similar letters have been sent to the Senate Committee on Armed Services; the Senate Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense and the Subcommittee on Military Construction; and the House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction and the Subcommittee on Defense.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Army", is written over the typed name.

Wayne Army  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
(Installations & Facilities)

Enclosure

Copy to:  
The Honorable Ike Skelton

## PROJECT DATA SHEET

### Title:

The Department of the Navy is required by House Report H107-246 to provide notice of its intention to proceed with repair projects having an estimated cost in excess of \$7.5M.

**Special Project R11-01, Repairs to Mitscher Hall, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD**

### Description:

Mitscher Hall, constructed in 1961 as the brigade library and auditorium, now houses religious ministry offices and a multi-faith chapel, along with the original auditorium. Since construction, no major alterations, repairs or replacements have been made to its systems.

The building has over \$7.3M in deficiencies, documented in the Installation Readiness Reporting System (IRRS). The mechanical and electrical systems are deteriorated and at the end of their service life, do not meet current code requirements, and are subject to frequent failures. Asbestos exists in large quantities in the ceiling tiles, pipe insulation, lagging, floor tiles, and mastics. The exterior shell, composed of monumental masonry and copper roofing, trim, and gutters, requires extensive repairs. Failures in these systems have caused extensive water penetration, leading to the degradation of other building systems and interior finishes. Life-safety deficiencies include the lack of a sprinkler system, a code-deficient and frequently inoperative fire alarm system, inadequate egress, and inadequate fire separation. The building provides inadequate accessibility for the handicapped and is in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

This project will replace the building's deteriorated mechanical and electrical systems; refurbish and restore the exterior; rehabilitate classrooms, study areas, religious programs offices, and the auditorium; remove and abate hazardous materials; provide accessibility, adequate egress routes, and a functional fire alarm system, fire separation, and sprinkler system to comply with current Life Safety Code and ADA requirements. This project will also revise the layout of Mitscher Hall to accommodate the adjoining construction of the Commodore Uriah P. Levy Center and Jewish Chapel.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$8.3M.